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Sir:

Further examination and consideration of this application
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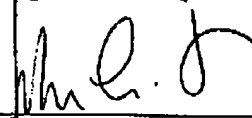
REMARKS

In response to the examiner's requirement for restriction, applicant elects Group I, claims 1, 2, 31 and 57-96.

Having elected Group I, in response to the examiner's requirement for election of species, applicant elects the species of FIG. 1. All the claims of Group I other than claims 73 and 79 are readable on FIG. 1.

The Office Action does not acknowledge applicant's claim for foreign priority or indicate whether the certified copy of the priority document has been received from the International Bureau. Applicant requests that the examiner should acknowledge the claim for foreign priority and confirm that the certified copy of the priority document has been received from the International Bureau in the next Office Action.

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